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From: Melinda Becker
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Date: August 10, 2004

Subject: Public Workshop on the Metals TMDL for the Los Angeles River and Tributaries

The Regional Board will hold a workshop on the proposed amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan) to incorporate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) to reduce metals loadings to the Los Angeles River. The purpose of this workshop is to present the proposed TMDL, respond to stakeholder questions and receive initial comments on the draft TMDL. Copies of the TMDL can be obtained from the Regional Board website at www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4 (select "Total Maximum Daily Loads/TMDLs" under the "Updates and News" tab). Please contact Melinda Becker at (213) 576-6681 or Jenny Newman at (213) 576-6808 for more information.

***A Workshop will be held on August 19, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.
at the Los Angeles Media Center, Board Room/Dodgers Room
2714 Media Center Drive
Los Angeles, California 90065***

Background

The proposed amendment was noticed on July 12, 2004 and will be considered at the September 2, 2004 regular Board meeting. The comment period for the proposed TMDL ends August 26, 2004. The proposed amendment would incorporate into the Basin Plan a TMDL to reduce metals loadings to the Los Angeles River and its tributaries. Elevated metals concentrations are toxic to aquatic life. The Regional Board's goal in incorporating the above-mentioned TMDL is to protect the aquatic life and wildlife beneficial uses of Los Angeles River and to achieve water quality objectives set to protect these uses as contained in the California Toxics Rule. The Regional Board, in cooperation with US EPA Region IX, has prepared this TMDL to address the documented metals impairments in the Los Angeles River as identified on the 2002 Clean Water Act section 303(d) list.

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